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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 320     ALVIS, Elizabeth Duncan (Stark), 1876-1959**

½ box. 12 folders. 112 items. 1861-1957. Originals and photocopies

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(See SC 166 for related material on the Stark family)

***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Elizabeth Duncan Stark was born 3 December 1876 in Gainesville, Allen County, Kentucky, the fifth child of John William Stark (1841-1915) and Eliseph Crittenden (Stark) Stark (1848-1916). John William Stark moved his family from Allen County to Bowling Green in 1890 where Elizabeth attended that city's Potter College. In 1912 she married Hugh Kirkpatrick Alvis; their only child, John William Stark Alvis, was born in 1919. Her correspondence reveals an early interest in genealogy and family history that continued throughout her life. She was a member of Bowling Green's First Baptist Church, United Daughters of the Confederacy, American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and War Mothers. Elizabeth Duncan Stark Alvis died 13 October 1959 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Bowling Green, next to her husband who passed away in 1956.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists chiefly of the correspondence, genealogical notes, scrapbook, and photos of Elizabeth Duncan Stark Alvis. Her correspondence spans more than fifty years (1904-1957) and her scrapbook more than forty (1915-1957), revealing her deep interest in the history of the Stark family. Her genealogical information is presented largely in a narrative form with an emphasis on the family of her father John William Stark, especially his Civil War service in the Confederate army. Also, genealogical information is given for the related Alvis, Duncan, Gerard, Green, Ritchey, and Taylor families. The collection's original photographs were transferred to the Kentucky Library.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>ALVIS, Elizabeth Duncan (Stark), 1876-1959</b>	<b>1861-1957</b>	<b>107 items</b>
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Folder 3	Letters to John W. Stark	1887-1908	5 items
Folder 4	Duncan family	n.d.	2 items
Folder 5	Green and Taylor families	n.d.	3 items
Folder 6	Stark(e) family	1861-1941	26 items
Folder 7	John W. Stark	n.d.	2 items
Folder 8	Miscellaneous	n.d.	4 items
Folder 9	Items related to <i>Confederate Veteran</i> and United Confederate Veterans	1895-1915	3 items
Folder 10	Pedigree chart for English bulldog "Peter S."	n.d.	1 item
Folder 11	Photocopied pages of Alvis' scrapbook	1915-1957	1 item; 74 p.
Folder 12	Photos	n.d.	10 items

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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Correspondence, genealogical notes, scrapbook, and photos chiefly related to the Stark family of Allen County and Warren County, Kentucky, especially Confederate veteran John William Stark.

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